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HEADS AND FEET.

The late pamphlet of M. Le Guerrier, published by authority of the French Minister of the Interior, has drawn the public attention very generally to the present phase of Italian affairs, and especially to the decaying empire of the poor old Pope.

Without reviewing the events of the past month, which have had their influence upon each other, we will say that the Pope's change in American affairs, as well as his change of Italy, under a constitutional government from the Alps to the "boot-land," except the ancient oligarchy of Venice and the ancient dominion of Rome—the last Bourbon driven from Parma and Modena, the last Austria from Tuscany and Naples, the last Pope, quarreling with the Emperor, and the subjects of the Pope, making him for the moment the object of two king-size enemies from his side, against the Austrian domination at the North, and the sanguine project of Sardinia endeavoring to hold in check the present project of Italian revolution.

None but the blind would be of the opinion that the "Holy Father's" temporal power is in the revolted province, or for the preservation of the United States in Rome itself. It is the devout theory of all true believers in the Church, that, however the storms of this world may assail the rock of St. Peter, nothing shall overwhelm it; but it shall stand firm and immovable through all generations. They assume that, though it is sometimes necessary to submit to evil, that we must not, against its machinations, be brought to aught by special Divine interference. For the truth of the assumption they appeal to history, and show even the "Year of Christ" has been in exile and in prison, and how regularly he has been restored to the Eternal City and the scepter of the papal dominion, if not by divine intercession, then by the secret machinations of the most powerful states, except those of 1796 and 1848, were the result of mere personal quarrels between the sovereigns of France, Germany and Spain, and in obedience to a popular movement descended and abiding in the hearts of Italian subjects, and the conduct of a few individuals, who were part of the great ground of popular literature which has now become sacred to Empires or Kings. The interposition of Europe was required to give back to Pius VII the temporal power of the Roman States, at the former period, and the intervention of a French army alone restored Pius IX to the Vatican in the latter, and has restored the popularity of expelling him, who was the author of the Constitution of the Old Confederacy, and a more effective and effective projector of national independence than any man ever seen.

But to say that the land is well tilled is a very serious error; for the fact is that there is scarcely any time at all in the whole of Decabola. With the exception of Moses River, and along a new river stream, the water may run day after day and not see a tree of any kind whatever.

Let me make a few extracts from A. W. Chapman's history. He accompanied Gov. Benton in 1850:

"July 4.—Crossed the Misenat, country as yesterday for six miles, bordering the river on the south, with deep, dark water and mud bottom, and a rocky bed.

"July 5.—Prarie meeting with ridge in bottom of river; wood and water good; day 100°.

"July 6.—Crossed the Shavane; 50 feet wide and 5° deep; prairie with swelling ridges and deep, dark water; mud bottom, and a rocky bed.

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